

SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER



Quarterly Newsletter for Members



The NEW Newsletter

Hello to all members

It is a while since the club had a newsletter for various reasons including a Pandemic. I have taken on the role of publicity, sending competition results to press and to the club website. I will also create a newsletter which will be produced quarterly. (Well that is the plan).

All members are encouraged to explore the club website as there is a wealth of information there, including past newsletters and results.

Members input is sought for the newsletter. Please send me articles of interest, photos with a story, ideas for the newsletter in future, feedback - whatever you can do to make this an interesting newsletter. It will be rather boring if the whole newsletter is always written by one person.

Please send articles and images to robyncurtis35@gmail.com

Thanks and happy reading. Robyn

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A Message from our President

After 2 years in isolation from the COVID 19 pandemic, it is so nice to be back in the hall with each other again. It has been encouraging to have new members join our club

Entering images into competition can be beneficial to hear what you can do to improve your image, but it's important to remember that this is only one person's opinion.

Why do we take photos?

It's a good way to record important events, be they public or family. It's also about creating memories. Where we have been and what we have done as well as recording events in history. Going out with others with the same interest can be beneficial for making new friends and getting assistance with your photography.

Photography can assist with our health and fitness. Getting out in the fresh air walking around, whether it is landscape or street photography. Our brains need to be exercised in setting up the image we want to take and the settings we need to use on the camera and what we are trying to convey in the image

Creativity - trying new ideas and experimenting with ideas can be fun.

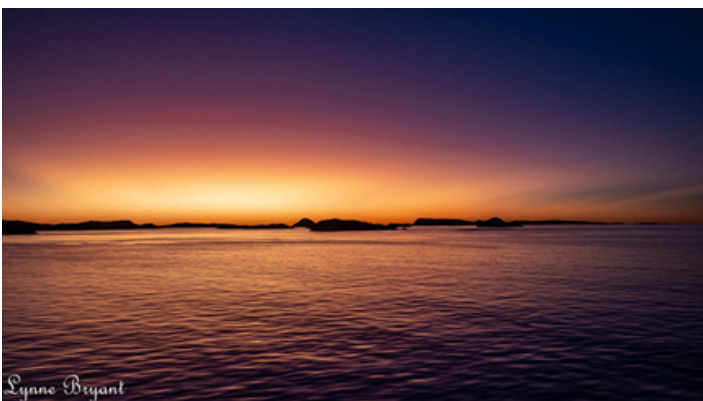
During COVID lockdowns presented the opportunity for us to become more creative as we were unable to get out as much, trying out different techniques at home. It takes planning, having an idea and working out how to achieve an outcome. You have to make a plan and then collect equipment to create the image.

Recently I was on a cruise along the Kimberley coast from Broome to Darwin. This is an incredible part of Australia, and the grandeur of the landscape is hard to put into words let alone photograph. The rock formations were so large and vast a photograph could not do it justice.

Sometimes you just have to enjoy being in the environment and not worry about taking photos. Yes! I took lots of photos, but they are for memories of this adventure and not really for competition but to share with family and friends. When looking at photos we have taken in the past it can take us back to that time and brings back memories.

So, I encourage you all to go out and create your memories and at the same time try something different. Experiment with your photography and enjoy.

Lynne





© Kevin Robley

Congratulations to Kevin Robley for his winning entry in the Camera House Friday competition.

Kevin explains how the image was made:

The image was taken at Barwon Mansion in Winchelsea, Lynne and myself were part of a private tour, cameras in hand of course.

I was trailing the tour group so as to take some shots after everyone had moved on to the next room. The room the photo was taken in was an odd little room at the top of a 2 metre ladder like set of stairs, hence the low angle. I was about to take the photo as you entered the room at floor level. Seeing the 1 item left in the corner just screamed "take my photo", the low angles allowed me to get the wood texture, light through the window was just right. I couldn't help but wonder if this had been left by the last occupants many years ago, placed there as a prop to give some understanding as to what this little room was once used for, hopefully the image makes others ponder on the history behind this room.

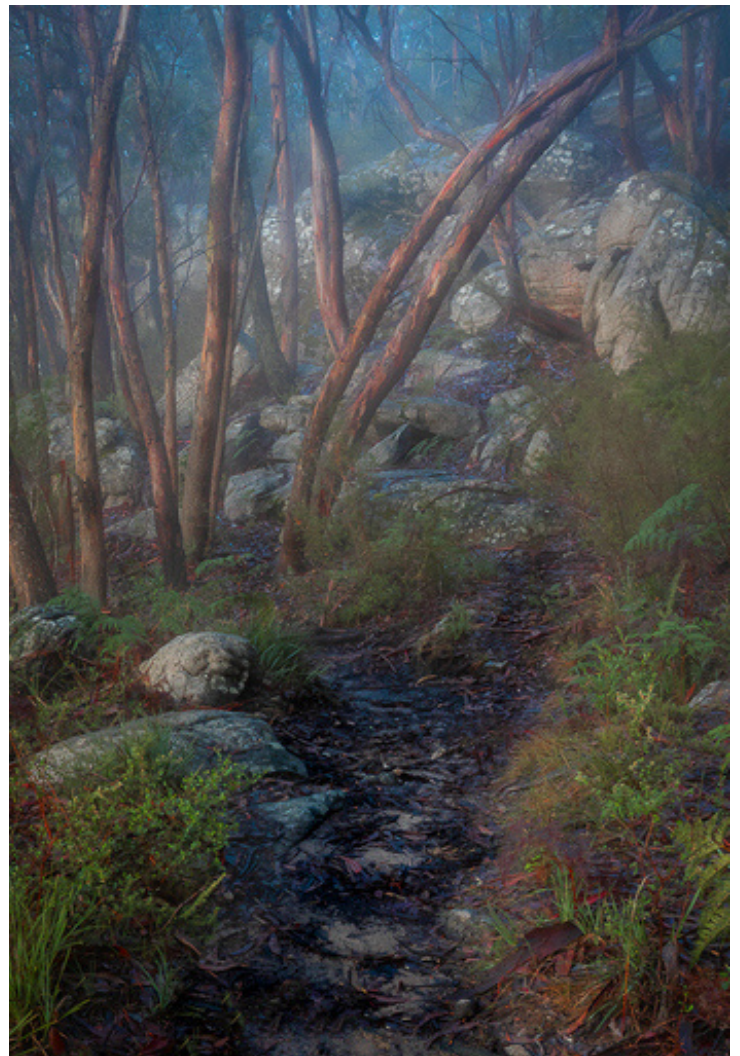
Interclub Competition

The 2022 Interclub competition between Bellarine, Colac and Corio Bay Camera Clubs was held on August 12th.

Bellarine Camera Club came second by a narrow margin.

The first placed print overall was "Boroka Mist" by Kevin Robley.

Boroka Mist © Kevin Robley



About Bellarine Camera Club

Bellarine Camera Club offers members a chance to learn, grow and share ideas with other like minded photographic enthusiasts.

The Club meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7.30pm at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, 17-21 High Street Drysdale.

The syllabus of all competitions and events is on the club website and is updated regularly with new information. Please refer to the syllabus for information about competitions and club events.

<https://bellarinecameraclub.org.au/>



**IN MY FREE TIME,
I SHOOT PEOPLE.**

The Annual General Meeting was held on August 1st 2022

The Committee for 2022/23 was elected as follows:

- President Lynne Bryant
- Vice President Vacant
- Secretary Suzanne Fatchen
- Treasurer Vikki Gage

General Committee

- Geoff Evans (Competition Secretary)
- Stan Coath (Outings)
- Robyn Curtis (Publicity)
- Helen Broeks (Library)
- Debbie Hallows
- Jenny Warren
- Andrew Leece (Syllabus)
- Colin Burrett



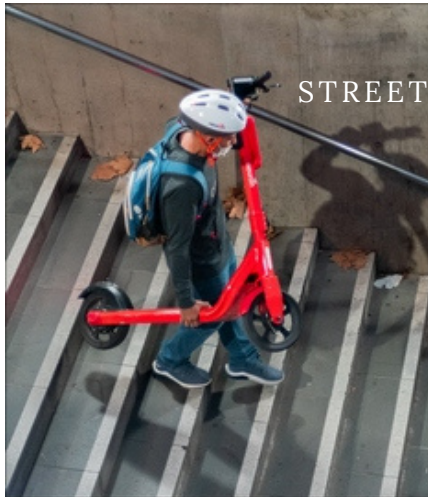
CLUB APPAREL

A wide range of Club Apparel is available to order On-line.

With the club logo embroidered on a range of clothes, hats, bags in a variety of colors members can order items online. The link to the web page is <https://promote-it.com.au/bellarinecc>

Past Events

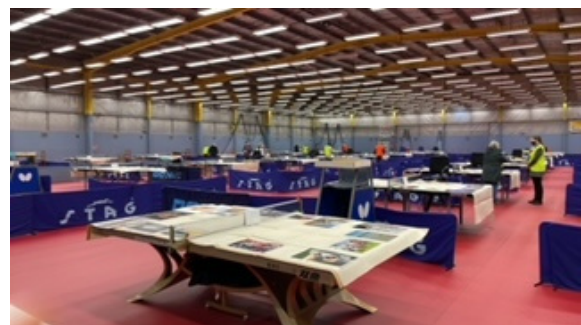
- A great presentation by Ian Chalmers on Street Photography on September 5th
- Club Outing at the Botanic Gardens on Saturday, September 4th
- Interclub Competition with Corio Bay, Colac and Bellarine Camera Club



STREET PHOTOGRAPHY BY IAN CHALMERS

VIGEX Print Salon

A large group of volunteers, including BCC members helped at the VIGEX judging on September 3rd and 4th. It was an interesting experience to see the judges in action with the selection of finalists from thousands of prints in several different categories. An exhibition of finalist and winning prints will be at Geelong Library from October 15th to 30th



© Suzanne Fatchen

Future Events

- VIGEX Print Salon at the Geelong Library 15th - 30th October
- Focal Point Gallery - changing exhibitions
- Reggae Fest in Johnstone Park 29th October
- White Night Geelong 8th October
- Tune Up Festival Ocean Grove 9th October
- Queenscliffe Music Festival 25th - 27th November
- Queenscliffe Art Show on the Pier

camera&photo

Ocean Grove Camera & Photo has some big news.



We have re-located our Ocean Grove store to a brighter, more central location on Park Lane, Ocean Grove. For those of you familiar with the area, we are now located between Coles and Bakers Delight in Ocean Grove, facing the Coles carpark.

The new store still offers the same great services, such as our fantastic photo printing. Everything from a standard 6x4 print, right up to huge canvas art.

All Bellarine Camera Club members receive 30% off all printing (a member card may be required at time of purchase) and we also offer very competitive pricing on all photographic equipment, from memory cards to lenses, camera bodies to batteries.

Brendan Waites, the store owner, has operated Camera & Photo since 2013 and can offer you any advice you might need on camera equipment or photographic printing.

Brendan also runs a landscape photography podcast, The Down South Photo Show, which can be heard on your favorite podcast provider.

Visit www.cameraandphoto.com.au to find out more and follow us on facebook and Instagram.

Happy shooting!